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NEW MINISTRIES TAKE OVER FORMER ADMINISTRATIONS

Ministry of Reconstruction -- General Construction, City and Building Construction, Country Planning.

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The functions of the former Central Control Commission have been transferred to the Central Commission for State Control in the Secretariat of the Minister-president. The functions of the Committee for the Protection of the People's Properties are now to be handled by the Ministry of the Interior. The former Main Administration for Planning, the Main Administration for Science and Technology, and the Central Statistical Office now form the three main departments of the Ministry of Planning. The people-owned sector of the former Main Administration for Food Industry and Fishing is now to be handled by the Ministry of Industry, the remaining functions to be taken over by the Ministry of Trade and Supply. The functions of the former Main Administration for Construction have also been split up. Industrial construction is now within the competence of the Ministry of Industry; all other construction matters fall within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Reconstruction.

SAYS EISLER MAY BE IN SOVIET DISFAVOR -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 49, 20 Feb 50

According to the West Berlin newspaper Telegraf, the chief of the East German People's Police, Kurt Fischer, and Minister of Information Gerhart Eisler are suspected of having deceived the Soviet Control Commission as to the state of readiness of the People's Police for the great Communist youth demonstration to be staged in Berlin at Whitsuntide.

The newspaper believes that Eisler will be replaced by Hermann Axen of the SED. It is further asserted that Moscow has information that leading members of the People's Police have refused to order the organization's participation in the youth demonstration.

SAYS MANY DIE IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 55, 26 Feb 50

The Social Democratic Party in Berlin, claiming that the figures are based on reliable information, reports that thus far between 30,000 and 40,000 victims have perished in concentration camps in Eastern Germany since the Russians marched in. It is estimated that at least 8,000 Germans are buried in mass graves in Sachsenhausen, the former German concentration camp which was taken over by the Russians.

EAST GERMAN ENGINEERS GET STALIN PRIZE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 57, 8 Mar 50

Ewald Eitke, director of the Krupp-Gruson plant, Albert Bellwinkel, director of the Polysius plant, Erich Pfroetzschner, director of the Riesa Steel and Rolling Mills, and Willi Scheid, chief of the Krupp-Gruson construction department for technical equipment for cement factories, are the first German engineers and designers to be awarded the Stalin Prize

INVENTOR TO WORK FOR UNIFIED GERMANY -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 48, 25 Feb 50

The inventor of Buna, Professor (fnu) Hofman (no party affiliation), PhD, MD, and Eng D, reportedly has agreed to collaborate in the National Front for the unification of Germany.

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